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Yakima podiatrist's license restricted on charges of improper care

Charges include inadequate diagnostics and allowing assistant to provide injections

OLYMPIA — The Podiatry Board and the Washington State Department of Health have restricted the license of Yakima Podiatrist Curtis T. Holden (PODI.PO.00000697).

The charges say that Holden directed a health care assistant to do alcohol sclerosing injections on a patient, creating the risk that the procedure would be ineffective or harmful. It's not legal to delegate these types of injections to health care assistants. Holden did not order tests to identify the cause of patients' pain and continued to recommend the injections, even though the injections had not resolved the patients' symptoms.

The allegations say that Holden charged and was paid by the State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries as if the injections were given by a podiatrist. Holden's license will be restricted to disallow the delegation of any injections until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges.

The statement of charges and summary documents are available online by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the Department of Health [home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov/) (www.doh.wa.gov/) or by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The Podiatry Board regulates Podiatrists in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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